



REGISTRATION POLICY

LOOKING TO EXEMPT (ENGINEERING)

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Words and terms that are capitalized throughout this document have definitions that are specific to this set of policies. Please refer to these Defined Terms when reviewing this and other registration policy documents.

PURPOSE

To provide an alternative pathway for Applicants for professional engineer (P.Eng.) registration whose discipline of work experience is the same as the discipline of their non-accredited undergraduate degree program in applied science or engineering. Eligible Applicants can utilize their work experience to potentially waive Confirmatory Examinations.

POLICY

This policy applies to Applicants for P.Eng. registration who:

- graduated from an institution of learning not approved by the Credentials Committee in a program that is the equivalent of a university-level bachelor's degree in applied science or engineering, or in a program not approved by the Credentials Committee;
- have gained a minimum of five years of engineering work experience in the same discipline as their undergraduate degree program in applied science or engineering;
- would typically be assigned Confirmatory Examinations or equivalent;
- do not have any uncleared failures from any past Confirmatory Examination attempts; and
- submitted an experience report in the Competency-Based Assessment system with all validations completed.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR A LOOKING TO EXEMPT INTERVIEW

Where an Applicant has received two or more negative validations in their experience report, the Applicant will not be eligible for a Looking to Exempt interview and will be assigned Confirmatory Examinations or given the option to be reviewed under the Minimum Academic Requirements for Registration as a Professional Engineer Policy, when applicable.

Where an Applicant has a low-risk validation profile, as defined by:

- all positive validations;
- at least two in-discipline P.Eng. Validators; and
- at least one recent supervisor P.Eng. Validator;

their experience report will be sent to the Engineering Credentials Assessment Panel for review.

If the Applicant has achieved all competency categories at or above the required level in the opinion of two competency Assessors, they will not be assigned Confirmatory Examinations and will instead be treated as academically qualified for registration.

If the Applicant has achieved all competency categories at or above the required level in the opinion of one competency Assessor and not the second competency Assessor, the application will be sent to the Credentials Committee for a decision on their academic qualification.

If the Applicant has not achieved all competency categories at or above the required level in the opinion of two competency Assessors, they will be assigned Confirmatory Examinations and Engineers and Geoscientists British Columbia staff will review the Applicant's experience report and the ratings and comments provided by the competency Assessors to determine if the Applicant will be offered an optional Looking to Exempt interview.

The purpose of the Looking to Exempt interview is to determine whether the Applicant has applied engineering principles at a level that warrants exemption from examinations. If professional competency guidelines exist for the Applicant's discipline, these will be used in the assessment.

If these conditions are satisfied, the Looking to Exempt interview panel will recommend waiving some, or all, of the examinations. If any examinations are assigned, the Applicant will be given the option to be reviewed under the Minimum Academic Requirements for Registration as a Professional Engineer policy, when applicable.

This policy is not intended to fetter the discretion of the Credentials Committee. The Credentials Committee has discretion to consider all available information in evaluating whether an Applicant is eligible for a Looking to Exempt interview.

RELATED POLICIES

- Minimum Academic Requirements for Registration as a Professional Engineer
- Out of Discipline (Engineering)
- Registration Interviews

Please refer to the [Registration and Reinstatement Policies](#) page to view all relevant policies.

VERSION HISTORY

VERSION NUMBER	PUBLISHED DATE	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES
1.0	January 30, 2026	Initial version.